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ABSTRACT

This report presents and briefly discusses demographic data on school enrollment trends and the socioeconomic characteristics of American students from the nursery school level through college, based on the Current Population Survey conducted in October 1976. Twelve tables and graphs display statistical data on school enrollment patterns for different student groups classified by age, sex, and race. Most of the report consists of tables displaying the following data: 1) school enrollment of the population 3 to 34 years old, by level of school and race, by year from October 1965-October 1976; 2) school enrollment of the population 3 to 34 years old, by age and sex, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 3) college enrollment of the population 14 to 34 years old, by sex and race, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 4) age distribution by sex of college students 14 years old and over, by year from October 1966-October 1976; 5) undergraduate enrollment in all colleges and two-year colleges for the population 14 to 34 years old, by age, sex, and full-time status, by year from October 1970-October 1976; and 6) enrollment status of the population 3 to 34 years old, by age, sex, race, Spanish origin, and selected educational characteristics, as of October 1976. (JG)

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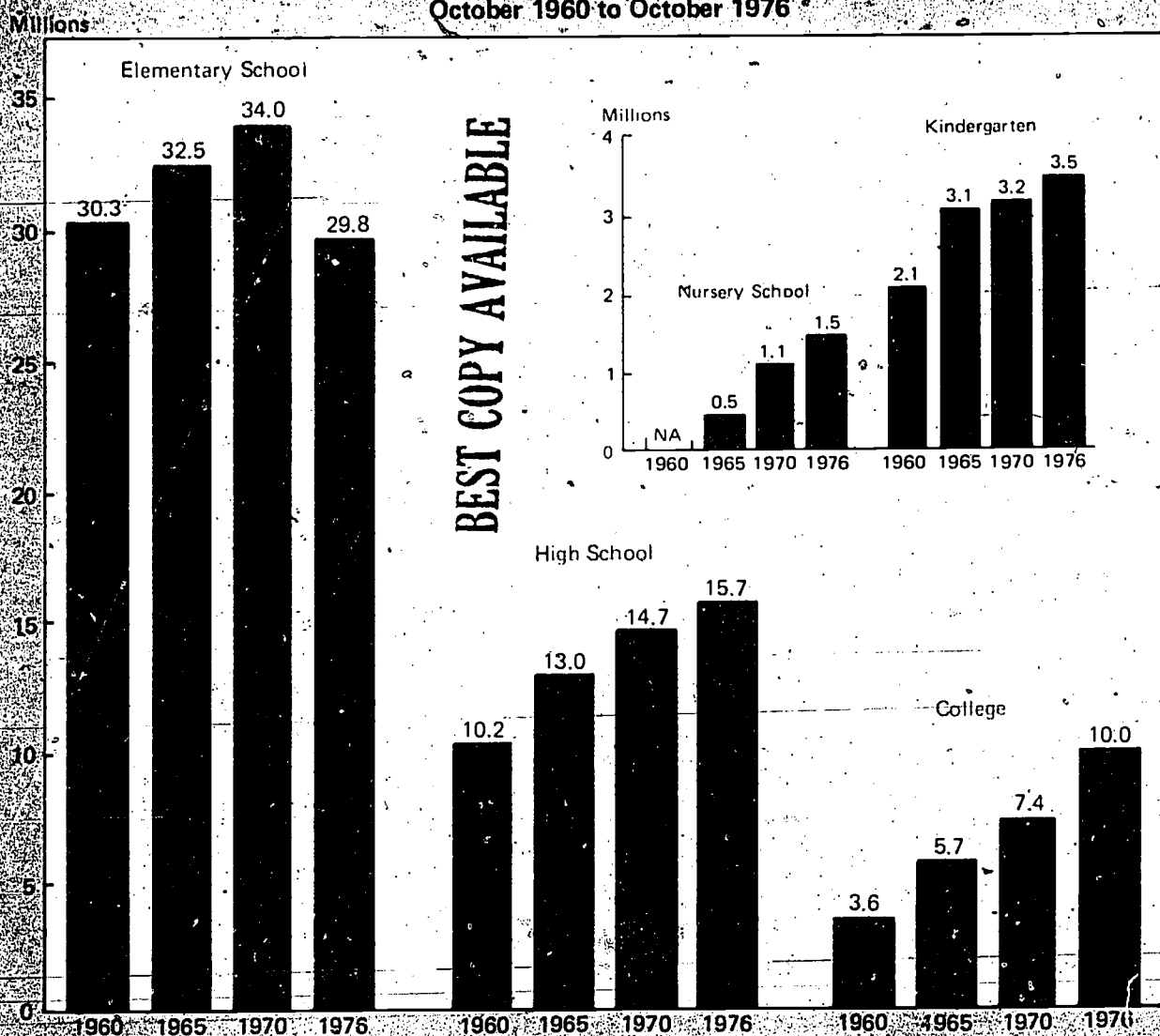
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Figure 1. School Enrollment by Level for the Population 3 to 34 Years Old:
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SCHOOL ENROLLMENT--SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS: OCTOBER 1976 (Advance Report)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Elementary school enrollment continued to decline as a result of the decrease in the number of births in earlier years.
- Nursery school attendance declined for the first time since 1964, when statistics on nursery school attendance were first collected.
- Enrollment in private elementary schools has declined both in numbers of students and as a proportion of the total elementary school population. Private elementary school enrollment has dropped by one-third in ten years.
- College enrollment of Black students under 35 years old reached 1.1 million in 1976. The total number of Black college students has increased nearly three-fold since 1966, increasing their share of the total college population from 5 to 11 percent.
- The number of undergraduate students enrolled in four-year colleges rose slightly between 1975 and 1976, but two-year college enrollment did not change significantly.
- College enrollment increased among women, but no change was detected for men.

INTRODUCTION

The total number of persons 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school in October 1976 was 60.5 million, not significantly different from the number enrolled in 1975. Enrollment in college, high school, and kindergarten did not change significantly between 1975 and 1976, but nursery school enrollment declined in both public and private schools for the first time since the Census Bureau first began collecting statistics on nursery school enrollment in 1964 when 471,000 children were enrolled in nursery school (figure 1 and table 1).

Although the number of children 3 and 4 years old has declined since 1965, the school enrollment rate increased in most years until 1975. The total number of 3-and 4-year-old children decreased by

1.7 million (20 percent) between 1965 and 1975, while the number enrolled in school rose by 1.2 million, involving a shift from 11 percent of the age group to 31 percent as shown below:

	1976	1975	1965
	(Numbers in thousands)		
Children 3 and 4 years old.....	6,239	6,676	8,387
Enrolled in school..	1,950	2,101	886
Percent.....	31.3	31.5	10.6

In 1976, there was some evidence of a decrease from the previous year in the number of 3-and 4-year-olds enrolled in school, proportionately about the same as the decrease in the population of the age group, that is, about 7 percent. Thus, the proportion of 3-and 4-year-olds enrolled remained about the same. Most nursery school students attend private schools; the proportion has remained around two-thirds or more for the past decade. At elementary school and high school levels, 90 percent or more of the students were in public schools; in kindergarten 85 percent attended public schools; but in nursery schools only 31 percent of the children were attending public schools in 1976.

The trend of declining elementary school enrollment, which has existed since the beginning of this decade, continued solely as a result of the decrease in numbers of births in earlier years. Enrollment rates of children of elementary school age have remained around 99 percent. Total elementary enrollment continued to grow into the late 1960's, but has dropped since 1970 by about 12 percent. Enrollment in private elementary schools began decreasing earlier. Private schools have lost 35 percent of their enrollment in the past 10 years.

High school enrollment did not change significantly from 1975 to 1976. The population of high school age is in a period of numerical stability, involving persons born when the number of births was greatest. As with private elementary schools, private high schools have experienced a decline in

enrollments (table 1). In the 10 years since 1966, total high school enrollment rose by 18 percent while private enrollment dropped 13 percent.

Private school enrollment slipped from 13 percent to 9 percent of the total elementary and high school enrollment between 1966 and 1976.

About 10 million persons 14 to 34 years old were enrolled in college in 1976, not significantly different from the 1975 figure. Another 1.2 million persons 35 years old and over were enrolled. For 14-to 34-year-olds, there were changes in the distribution of students among the college classes (table 3). At the freshman level, there was a decrease of 250,000 students (about a 9-percent drop). Freshman enrollment had increased by around 12 percent each of the preceding 2 years; in 1976 the freshman class dropped to about the size of the 1974 freshman class. At the sophomore level, there was some evidence of an increase (although not statistically significant), which was expected because of the record number of freshmen enrolled the year before. At the junior level, an increase of about 256,000 students offset the decline in freshmen. This increase was also expected, because of the large class of sophomores in 1975 and the gain in freshman enrollment 2 years earlier. No change was recorded in the number of seniors, but the substantial increase among persons in the junior year indicates the possibility of a larger number of seniors in 1977 and graduate students in 1978. The rises and falls in freshman enrollment from year to year filter through the undergraduate system in the succeeding 3 years. Therefore these data suggest that there may be a leveling off of college enrollment after a period of substantial growth.

Although the year-to-year fluctuations in graduate school enrollment have not been statistically significant, there have been apparent increases averaging about 90,000 students under 35 years old annually since 1970; as a consequence, there has been a 47-percent increase from 1970 to 1976.

Although no significant change in Black college enrollment occurred between 1975 and 1976, the number of Black students 14 to 34 years old has doubled since 1970. In 1976 there were about 1.1 million Black persons under the age of 35 enrolled in college compared with 0.5 million in 1970. About 77 percent of Black students were attending full time, a somewhat higher proportion than that for Whites (table 1). In 1976, Blacks were 11.7 percent of the civilian population 16 to 34 years old and Black students were 10.7 percent of all college

students of the same age.¹ In the 10 years since 1966, Black students more than doubled their share of the total college population, from 4.6 percent in 1966 to 10.7 percent in 1976 (table 1).

From 1975 to 1976, the number of women 14 to 34 years old enrolled in college increased by about 300,000, while no change in enrollment could be detected for men. In the 10 years since 1966 the enrollment rate for women has increased substantially whereas the enrollment rate for men has not changed significantly. Women students rose to 47 percent of all college students 14 to 34 years old, contrasted with 38 percent 10 years earlier (figure 2 and table 4).

Changes in enrollment patterns have caused major shifts in the groups dominating the college population. In 1970, 14-to-21-year-old men constituted the largest single group attending college and accounted for about one-third of all students under 35 years old. By 1976 they were reduced to about one-fourth of all students under 35 years old. In the 6-year period from 1970 to 1976, the total number of students increased about 2.5 million or by about 34 percent (table 4). At a time when the number of older students and young women students increased dramatically, the number of young men under 22 years old enrolled in college did not show a statistically significant increase; in this period there was a 35-percent rise for women of the same age, a 41-percent increase for men 22 to 34 years old (not significantly different from young women), and a 103-percent increase for women 22 to 34.

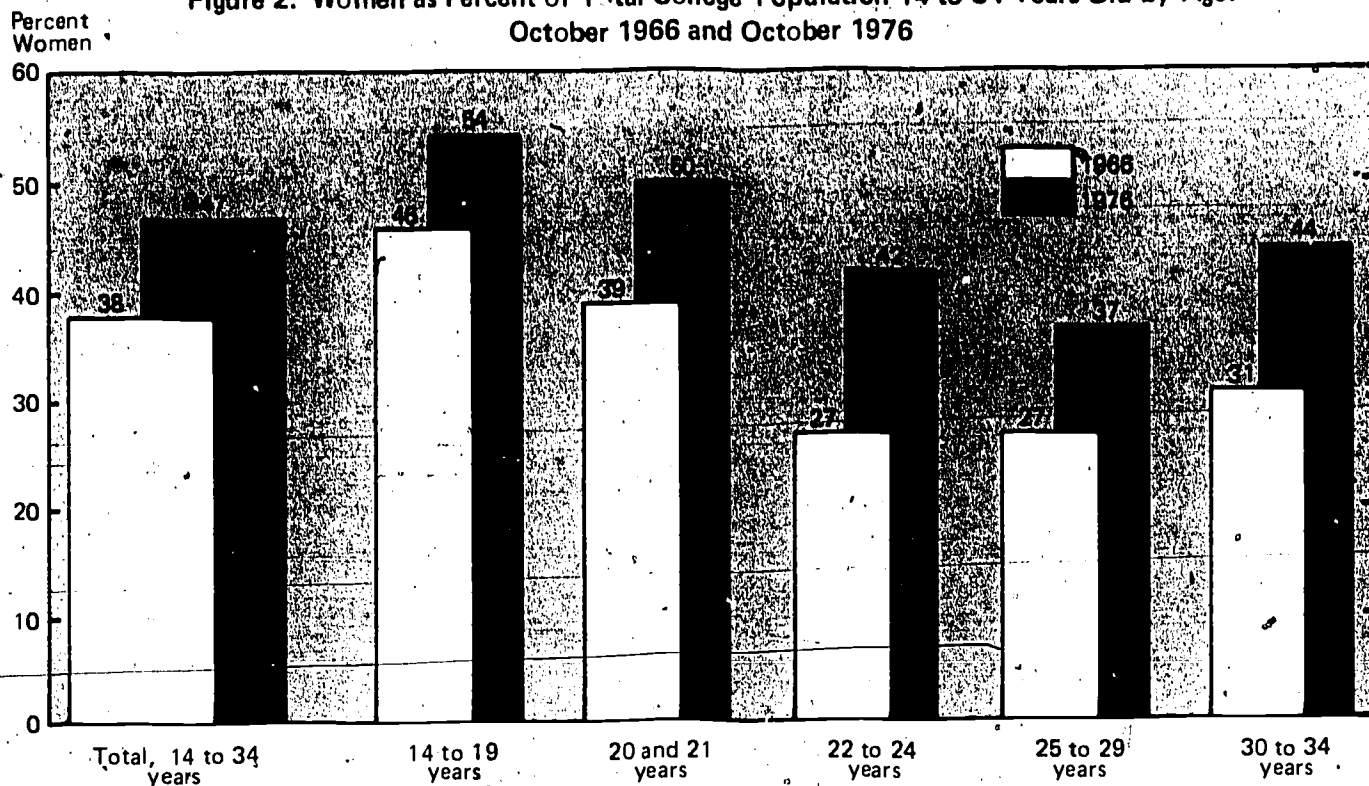
Women have become the majority group among young college students (14 to 21 years old). In 1976 women constituted 52 percent of the young "traditional age" students, outnumbering men by 200,000;² in 1970 they were 46 percent and men outnumbered them by 400,000. Men, however, are still in the majority among older students; they are about three-fifths of the students 22 to 34 years old, although women have gained some ground.

College attendance among persons 35 years old and over increased dramatically and rapidly from 1973 to 1975, as there was a 50-percent rise in just 2 years; however, in 1976 the number enrolled did not change significantly, remaining around 1.2 million (table 4). There was some evidence of an increase in enrollment among women and a decrease among men between 1975 and 1976, as women advanced from 52 percent to 59 percent of the older

¹ The difference between the 11.7 percent and 10.7 percent is significant at the 94-percent level of confidence.

² Significant at the 94-percent level of confidence.

Figure 2. Women as Percent of Total College Population 14 to 34 Years Old by Age:
October 1966 and October 1976



students. The growth in enrollment of the population 35 years old and over in this two-year period, then a leveling off in 1976, was similar to the trend among younger students.

Two-year colleges experienced no significant growth in 1976. After a 50-percent rise in the two-year college enrollment of the population 14 to 34 years old from 1970 to 1975, there was no change and perhaps a decrease (although not statistically significant) from 1975 to 1976. A significant increase of about 360,000 students, however, was recorded for four-year college undergraduate programs between 1975 and 1976 (table A). The most notable change among two-year college students was the decline in the proportion of students under 20 years old enrolled in two-year colleges which fell from 32 percent to 28 percent in 1 year (table 5). There is some evidence that the total number of men enrolled in two-year colleges declined, while the number in four-year colleges did not change

significantly.³ Among women, on the other hand, the number of students in two-year colleges did not change significantly, but the number enrolled in four-year colleges rose.⁴ Older students were more likely than younger students to attend two-year colleges. About half of the undergraduates 25 to 34 years old were enrolled in two-year colleges compared with one-fourth of the students under 25 years old.

Symbols. A dash"—" represents zero or rounds to zero and "NA" means not available.

³There is only some evidence that the difference in changes in enrollment of men in two-year and four-year colleges is significant.

⁴The difference in changes among men and women in two-year colleges is not statistically significant, nor is the same comparison for four-year colleges.

Table A. Undergraduate Enrollment of the Population 14 to 34 Years Old by Sex:
October 1976 and October 1975

(In thousands)

Sex and type of college	1976	1975	Change
All colleges ¹	8,270	8,108	162
Male.....	4,301	4,393	-92
Female.....	3,969	3,715	254
Two-year colleges.....	2,435	2,561	-126
Male.....	1,272	1,412	-140
Female.....	1,163	1,148	15
Four-year colleges.....	5,550	5,193	357
Male.....	2,882	2,793	89
Female.....	2,668	2,400	268

¹ Includes persons for whom type of college is not reported.

Table 1. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL OF SCHOOL AND RACE: OCTOBER 1965 TO OCTOBER 1976

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text.)

Race, level, and control	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965
ALL RACES												
Total enrolled.....	60,482	60,969	60,259	59,192	60,142	61,106	60,357	59,913	58,791	57,656	56,167	54,701
Nursery school.....	1,526	1,748	1,607	1,324	1,283	1,086	1,096	860	816	713	688	520
Public.....	476	574	423	400	402	317	373	245	262	230	215	127
Private.....	1,050	1,174	1,184	924	881	749	763	615	554	484	473	393
Kindergarten.....	3,490	3,393	3,252	3,074	3,135	3,263	3,183	3,276	3,268	3,312	3,115	3,057
Public.....	2,962	2,851	2,726	2,582	2,636	2,689	2,647	2,682	2,709	2,678	2,527	2,439
Private.....	528	542	526	493	499	574	536	594	559	635	588	618
Elementary school.....	29,774	30,446	31,126	31,469	32,242	33,507	33,950	33,788	33,761	33,440	32,916	32,474
Public.....	26,698	27,166	27,956	28,201	28,693	29,829	30,001	29,825	29,527	28,877	28,208	27,596
Private.....	3,075	3,279	3,169	3,268	3,549	3,678	3,949	3,964	4,234	4,562	4,708	4,878
High school.....	15,742	15,683	15,447	15,347	15,169	15,183	14,715	14,553	14,145	13,790	13,364	12,975
Public.....	14,541	14,503	14,275	14,162	14,015	14,057	13,545	13,400	12,793	12,498	11,985	11,517
Private.....	1,201	1,180	1,172	1,184	1,155	1,126	1,170	1,153	1,352	1,292	1,377	1,457
College.....	9,950	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401	6,085	5,675
Public.....	7,739	7,704	6,905	6,224	6,337	6,271	5,699	5,439	4,948	4,540	4,178	3,840
Private.....	2,211	1,994	1,922	1,955	1,976	1,816	1,714	1,995	1,854	1,861	1,908	1,835
College:												
Full time.....	7,176	7,105	6,351	6,089	6,114	6,204	5,763	5,810	5,357	4,976	4,847	4,414
Percent.....	72.1	73.3	71.9	74.4	76.0	76.7	77.7	78.1	78.8	77.7	79.7	77.8
Part time.....	2,773	2,592	2,476	2,090	1,999	1,883	1,650	1,625	1,444	1,425	1,238	1,261
WHITE												
Total enrolled.....	50,761	51,430	50,992	50,617	51,314	52,081	51,719	51,465	50,608	49,721	48,620	47,451
Nursery school.....	1,246	1,432	1,340	1,087	1,079	888	893	676	664	564	564	451
Public.....	318	392	293	242	285	225	198	136	163	134	127	93
Private.....	929	1,040	1,048	845	794	664	695	539	501	429	437	358
Kindergarten.....	2,881	2,845	2,745	2,584	2,633	2,735	2,706	2,803	2,775	2,840	2,693	2,648
Public.....	2,423	2,363	2,268	2,139	2,185	2,207	2,233	2,289	2,272	2,254	2,163	2,086
Private.....	457	483	477	445	448	527	473	515	504	587	530	562
Elementary school.....	24,776	25,412	26,051	26,531	27,185	28,187	28,638	28,572	28,634	28,415	28,012	27,679
Public.....	21,947	22,351	23,063	23,506	23,869	24,720	24,923	24,403	24,580	24,044	23,469	22,976
Private.....	2,829	3,059	2,990	3,025	3,316	3,466	3,715	3,768	4,054	4,371	4,542	4,703
High school.....	13,214	13,224	13,073	13,091	12,959	12,998	12,723	12,588	12,280	11,997	11,643	11,356
Public.....	12,093	12,112	11,966	11,967	11,876	11,937	11,599	11,502	11,007	10,769	10,312	9,961
Private.....	1,121	1,112	1,107	1,124	1,083	1,061	1,124	1,085	1,272	1,228	1,329	1,395
College.....	8,644	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905	5,708	5,317
Public.....	6,657	6,724	6,049	5,550	5,644	5,624	5,168	4,967	4,501	4,155	3,914	3,568
Private.....	1,987	1,792	1,732	1,773	1,814	1,650	1,591	1,860	1,753	1,750	1,795	1,749
College:												
Full time.....	6,170	6,183	5,575	5,408	5,678	5,560	5,221	5,307	4,919	4,604	4,556	4,111
Percent.....	71.4	72.6	71.6	73.8	76.1	76.4	77.2	77.7	78.7	78.0	79.8	77.3
BLACK												
Total enrolled.....	8,518	8,400	8,215	7,834	7,959	8,178	7,829	7,680	7,448	7,196	7,547	7,252
Nursery school.....	226	276	227	210	185	151	178	170	132	140	125	72
Public.....	146	171	121	146	113	90	129	102	89	92	88	37
Private.....	80	105	106	64	72	61	49	68	43	47	37	35
Kindergarten.....	542	468	463	423	448	464	426	425	448	418	420	407
Public.....	482	426	416	391	402	422	374	361	397	375	364	353
Private.....	60	42	47	32	46	42	53	64	51	44	56	54
Elementary school.....	4,430	4,509	4,585	4,473	4,573	4,877	4,868	4,785	4,716	4,618	4,904	4,796
Public.....	4,256	4,344	4,455	4,277	4,382	4,712	4,668	4,633	4,569	4,444	4,739	4,620
Private.....	175	165	131	196	191	165	200	151	146	173	165	176
High school.....	2,258	2,199	2,125	2,044	2,025	2,006	1,834	1,808	1,718	1,651	1,721	1,619
Public.....	2,187	2,140	2,072	1,988	1,971	1,951	1,794	1,751	1,656	1,605	1,673	1,556
Private.....	71	59	54	56	54	55	41	57	62	46	48	62
College.....	1,062	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370	282	274
Public.....	887	782	659	537	582	532	422	372	359	280	(NA)	(NA)
Private.....	175	166	155	147	145	148	100	120	75	90	(NA)	(NA)
College:												
Full time.....	817	742	589	536	525	534	427	401	338	271	210	218
Percent.....	76.7	78.3	72.4	78.3	72.3	78.5	81.8	81.5	77.9	73.2	74.5	79.6

¹Enrollment figures in nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school, and high school are for Black and other races. College enrollment figures refer to Black only.

**Table 2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE AND SEX:
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

(Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	Percent enrolled										
	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
Total, 3 to 34 years.....	51.1	51.7	51.6	51.5	51.9	52.2	52.6	53.0	53.7	54.6	56.1
3 and 4 years.....	31.3	31.5	31.8	32.2	32.4	32.2	32.5	32.1	32.7	33.7	34.5
5 and 6 years.....	95.3	95.7	96.2	96.5	96.7	96.6	96.5	96.5	96.6	96.6	96.8
7 to 13 years.....	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.3	99.3
14 to 17 years.....	93.7	93.6	92.9	92.9	93.3	93.5	93.1	93.0	93.2	93.7	93.7
18 and 19 years.....	46.2	46.9	47.1	47.9	48.3	49.2	47.7	50.2	50.5	47.6	47.2
20 and 21 years.....	32.0	31.2	30.2	30.1	31.4	32.2	31.9	34.1	33.2	33.1	29.9
22 to 24 years.....	17.1	16.2	15.1	14.5	14.8	15.4	16.9	15.6	13.8	13.6	13.2
25 to 29 years.....	10.0	10.1	9.6	8.5	8.6	8.0	7.5	7.9	7.0	6.6	6.5
30 to 34 years.....	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.9	6.2	4.9	4.9	4.0	2.7
Male, 3 to 34 years.....	51.1	50.0	50.0	50.1	52.8	53.3	53.7	50.5	50.4	50.0	59.7
3 and 4 years.....	30.9	30.9	28.1	31.5	32.4	30.0	21.2	15.5	15.6	16.2	17.3
5 and 6 years.....	95.6	95.4	95.5	95.2	95.7	90.9	88.9	87.7	87.3	86.6	85.3
7 to 13 years.....	99.0	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.1	98.9	99.0	98.9	98.9	99.1	99.2
14 to 17 years.....	94.6	94.6	93.3	91.7	93.0	95.3	93.8	93.0	95.0	94.7	96.4
18 and 19 years.....	48.2	49.9	45.8	47.9	51.2	55.5	54.6	59.4	60.6	56.3	57.8
20 and 21 years.....	33.6	35.3	34.8	36.4	37.3	38.9	42.7	46.5	45.0	44.3	41.4
22 to 24 years.....	20.7	20.0	19.4	19.1	21.3	21.1	21.2	22.9	20.8	21.0	21.3
25 to 29 years.....	11.0	11.1	12.7	11.8	12.1	11.9	11.0	11.5	10.8	9.9	9.6
30 to 34 years.....	6.8	7.7	6.7	5.6	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.0	3.8
Female, 3 to 34 years.....	51.0	51.5	51.3	50.9	52.0	51.2	51.2	51.6	51.2	51.3	52.7
3 and 4 years.....	31.6	31.1	29.5	29.8	29.4	22.3	19.8	16.8	16.1	15.1	12.7
5 and 6 years.....	95.5	95.1	91.9	92.9	92.2	92.1	90.2	89.1	88.0	88.2	86.3
7 to 13 years.....	99.3	99.6	99.5	99.3	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.3	99.4	99.5
14 to 17 years.....	92.8	92.6	92.5	92.1	92.6	93.7	93.4	93.1	93.6	92.6	92.9
18 and 19 years.....	44.4	44.2	40.7	38.2	41.8	43.5	41.6	41.8	41.3	40.3	37.7
20 and 21 years.....	30.6	27.4	26.0	26.3	26.3	26.8	23.6	25.3	21.5	24.9	20.9
22 to 24 years.....	13.8	12.6	11.1	10.2	8.9	8.4	9.5	9.1	8.3	7.4	6.6
25 to 29 years.....	7.3	7.2	6.7	5.4	5.3	4.5	4.3	4.6	3.5	3.6	3.6
30 to 34 years.....	5.2	5.6	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.8	2.9	2.8	1.7

**Table 3. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY SEX AND RACE:
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

In thousands, civilian noninstitutional population

Race, sex, and year of college	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967	1966
ALL RACES											
Total, enrolled in college.....	9,950	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401	6,085
Male.....	5,296	5,342	4,926	4,677	4,853	4,850	4,401	4,248	4,124	3,841	3,749
Female.....	4,654	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,460	3,236	3,013	2,987	2,677	2,560	2,337
Year of College											
First year.....	2,632	2,886	2,957	2,282	2,320	2,443	2,212	2,158	2,051	1,956	1,910
Second year.....	2,535	2,376	1,999	1,807	1,965	1,885	1,739	1,672	1,496	1,424	1,488
Third year.....	1,748	1,494	1,422	1,476	1,454	1,392	1,268	1,307	1,211	1,157	960
Fourth year.....	1,356	1,354	1,360	1,230	1,253	1,175	1,074	1,159	1,100	900	831
Fifth year or higher.....	1,680	1,589	1,490	1,385	1,322	1,192	1,140	1,138	944	963	895
WHITE											
Total, enrolled in college.....	8,644	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905	5,708
Male.....	4,658	4,774	4,367	4,218	4,397	4,407	4,066	4,146	3,843	3,560	3,536
Female.....	3,986	3,743	3,413	3,105	3,061	2,867	2,693	2,681	2,412	2,345	2,172
BLACK											
Total, enrolled in college.....	1,062	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370	282
Male.....	489	442	422	358	384	363	253	236	221	199	154
Female.....	573	506	392	326	343	317	269	256	213	171	128

**Table 4. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX:
OCTOBER 1966 TO OCTOBER 1976**

(In thousands, civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of age data, see text.)

Age and sex	1966	1968	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
BOOTH STUDENT											
Total, 14 to 34 years.....	9,450	9,409	9,407	9,419	9,411	9,407	9,411	9,407	9,411	9,401	9,405
14 to 17 years.....	2,981	2,983	2,989	2,995	2,995	2,996	2,995	2,996	2,995	2,991	2,995
18 and 19 years.....	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947	2,947
20 and 21 years.....	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129	2,129
22 to 24 years.....	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366
25 to 29 years.....	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130	1,130
30 to 34 years.....	801	801	801	801	801	801	801	801	801	801	801
15 years and over.....	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189	1,189
MALE											
Total, 14 to 34 years.....	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296	5,296
14 to 17 years.....	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605
18 and 19 years.....	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391	1,391
20 and 21 years.....	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209	1,209
22 to 24 years.....	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073	1,073
25 to 29 years.....	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067
30 to 34 years.....	751	751	751	751	751	751	751	751	751	751	751
15 years and over.....	889	889	889	889	889	889	889	889	889	889	889
FEMALE											
Total, 14 to 34 years.....	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154	4,154
14 to 17 years.....	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376	1,376
18 and 19 years.....	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556	1,556
20 and 21 years.....	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149
22 to 24 years.....	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773	773
25 to 29 years.....	649	649	649	649	649	649	649	649	649	649	649
30 to 34 years.....	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	151	151
15 years and over.....	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700	700

Table 5. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN ALL COLLEGES AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD BY AGE, SEX, AND FULL-TIME STATUS: OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1976

(In thousands, civilian noninstitutional population.)

Age, sex, and full-time status	1976		1975		1974		1973		1972		1971		1970	
	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges	All colleges	Two-year colleges
TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE														
Total, 14 to 34 years.....	8,270	2,535	8,108	2,561	7,338	2,072	6,774	1,797	6,992	1,910	6,895	1,830	6,274	1,692
14 to 19 years.....	3,216	907	3,237	1,025	2,906	836	2,812	816	2,974	883	3,008	928	2,854	895
20 and 21 years.....	2,398	644	2,295	631	2,131	369	2,031	278	2,065	334	1,936	307	1,803	281
22 to 24 years.....	1,225	368	1,072	356	1,028	305	925	256	964	267	1,019	263	866	234
25 to 34 years.....	1,472	718	1,546	752	1,272	565	1,028	449	1,011	426	931	331	750	283
Male, 14 to 34 years.....	4,301	1,272	4,393	1,412	4,030	1,172	3,791	1,012	3,982	1,125	4,017	1,087	3,625	1,001
Full time.....	3,291	734	3,395	850	3,128	709	3,045	629	3,231	770	3,260	776	3,065	726
Part time.....	1,010	538	999	562	902	463	756	383	751	355	757	311	560	275
Female, 14 to 34 years.....	3,969	1,163	3,715	1,148	3,307	899	3,004	785	3,010	785	2,878	743	2,649	691
Full time.....	3,090	676	2,902	717	2,561	528	2,423	471	2,645	584	2,748	473	2,164	452
Part time.....	879	487	813	431	746	371	581	314	365	301	130	270	485	239
FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE														
Total, 14 to 34 years.....	6,381	1,630	6,296	1,567	5,689	1,237	5,460	1,100	5,678	1,255	5,588	1,199	5,208	1,177
14 to 19 years.....	2,963	764	2,987	865	2,461	702	2,629	702	2,797	772	2,801	797	2,685	786
20 and 21 years.....	2,173	561	1,938	575	1,862	233	1,801	165	1,845	223	1,729	209	1,628	197
22 to 24 years.....	821	177	696	159	697	151	630	121	624	134	700	124	591	114
25 to 34 years.....	563	228	655	276	483	152	398	111	412	126	357	70	301	80

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1976

Numbers in thousands. CIVILIAN noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text.

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school						
	Total		Below college level		In college		Total		High school graduate		Not high school graduate		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
ALL RACE													
Total, 3 to 34 years.....	111,981	60,482	53.1	50,512	45.1	9,970	8.7	51,501	46.9	18,089	35.1	33,412	31.5
3 and 4 years.....	6,239	1,950	31.3	1,950	31.3	-	-	6,239	68.7	-	-	6,239	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	7,011	6,701	95.6	6,701	95.6	-	-	7,011	100.0	-	-	7,011	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	10,756	10,151	94.4	10,151	94.4	-	-	10,756	100.0	-	-	10,756	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	15,810	15,282	96.7	15,282	96.7	-	-	15,810	100.0	-	-	15,810	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	8,400	8,268	98.4	8,268	98.4	132	1.6	8,400	100.0	-	-	8,400	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	4,195	3,901	93.0	3,901	93.0	294	7.0	4,195	100.0	-	-	4,195	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	8,168	7,769	95.0	7,769	95.0	399	4.9	8,168	100.0	-	-	8,168	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	7,811	7,502	96.2	7,502	96.2	309	3.9	7,811	100.0	-	-	7,811	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	10,960	10,772	98.3	10,772	98.3	188	1.7	10,960	100.0	-	-	10,960	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	17,253	17,132	99.3	17,132	99.3	121	0.7	17,253	100.0	-	-	17,253	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	14,191	8,459	60.0	8,459	60.0	5,732	40.0	14,191	100.0	-	-	14,191	100.0
Male, 3 to 34 years.....													
3 and 4 years.....	3,186	984	30.9	984	30.9	-	-	3,186	68.7	-	-	3,186	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	3,529	3,422	97.0	3,422	97.0	-	-	3,529	100.0	-	-	3,529	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	5,121	4,889	95.5	4,889	95.5	-	-	5,121	100.0	-	-	5,121	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	7,892	7,780	98.6	7,780	98.6	-	-	7,892	100.0	-	-	7,892	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	4,245	4,214	99.3	4,214	99.3	31	0.7	4,245	100.0	-	-	4,245	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	4,198	3,900	92.9	3,900	92.9	298	7.1	4,198	100.0	-	-	4,198	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	4,195	3,901	93.0	3,901	93.0	294	7.0	4,195	100.0	-	-	4,195	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	4,195	3,901	93.0	3,901	93.0	294	7.0	4,195	100.0	-	-	4,195	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	5,283	5,192	98.3	5,192	98.3	91	1.7	5,283	100.0	-	-	5,283	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	8,369	8,251	98.5	8,251	98.5	118	1.4	8,369	100.0	-	-	8,369	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	6,882	4,699	68.3	4,699	68.3	2,183	31.7	6,882	100.0	-	-	6,882	100.0
Female, 3 to 34 years.....													
3 and 4 years.....	3,053	966	31.6	966	31.6	-	-	3,053	68.7	-	-	3,053	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	3,492	3,240	92.8	3,240	92.8	-	-	3,492	100.0	-	-	3,492	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	5,001	4,889	97.8	4,889	97.8	-	-	5,001	100.0	-	-	5,001	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	7,558	7,502	99.3	7,502	99.3	-	-	7,558	100.0	-	-	7,558	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	4,154	4,030	97.7	4,030	97.7	124	3.0	4,154	100.0	-	-	4,154	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	4,105	3,901	95.0	3,901	95.0	204	5.0	4,105	100.0	-	-	4,105	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	4,191	3,901	93.1	3,901	93.1	290	6.9	4,191	100.0	-	-	4,191	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	4,039	3,901	96.6	3,901	96.6	138	3.4	4,039	100.0	-	-	4,039	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	5,672	5,599	98.7	5,599	98.7	73	1.3	5,672	100.0	-	-	5,672	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	8,885	8,751	98.5	8,751	98.5	134	1.5	8,885	100.0	-	-	8,885	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	7,309	4,699	64.3	4,699	64.3	2,610	35.7	7,309	100.0	-	-	7,309	100.0
WHITE													
Total, 3 to 34 years.....	97,086	50,761	52.3	49,117	43.4	8,644	8.9	46,325	47.7	17,780	38.4	28,545	29.9
3 and 4 years.....	5,124	1,559	30.4	1,559	30.4	-	-	5,124	68.7	-	-	5,124	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	5,816	5,573	95.8	5,573	95.8	-	-	5,816	100.0	-	-	5,816	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	8,562	8,489	99.1	8,489	99.1	-	-	8,562	100.0	-	-	8,562	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	12,894	12,794	99.2	12,794	99.2	-	-	12,894	100.0	-	-	12,894	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	7,082	6,945	98.1	6,945	98.0	137	1.9	7,082	100.0	-	-	7,082	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	7,017	6,255	89.1	6,255	89.1	762	10.9	7,017	100.0	-	-	7,017	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	6,951	6,558	94.4	6,558	94.4	393	5.6	6,951	100.0	-	-	6,951	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	6,691	6,359	95.0	6,359	95.0	332	5.0	6,691	100.0	-	-	6,691	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	9,477	9,309	98.2	9,309	98.2	168	1.8	9,477	100.0	-	-	9,477	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	15,056	15,000	99.6	15,000	99.6	56	0.4	15,056	100.0	-	-	15,056	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	12,417	7,049	57.0	7,049	57.0	5,368	43.0	12,417	100.0	-	-	12,417	100.0
Male, 3 to 34 years.....													
3 and 4 years.....	2,622	784	29.9	784	29.9	-	-	2,622	68.7	-	-	2,622	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	2,977	2,853	95.8	2,853	95.8	-	-	2,977	100.0	-	-	2,977	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	4,377	4,325	98.8	4,325	98.8	-	-	4,377	100.0	-	-	4,377	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	6,597	6,530	99.1	6,530	99.1	-	-	6,597	100.0	-	-	6,597	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	3,614	3,556	98.5	3,556	98.4	58	1.6	3,614	100.0	-	-	3,614	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	3,557	3,222	90.6	3,222	90.6	335	9.4	3,557	100.0	-	-	3,557	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	3,193	2,993	93.7	2,993	93.7	200	6.3	3,193	100.0	-	-	3,193	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	3,258	3,115	95.6	3,115	95.6	143	4.4	3,258	100.0	-	-	3,258	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	4,628	4,628	100.0	4,628	100.0	-	-	4,628	100.0	-	-	4,628	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	7,199	7,199	100.0	7,199	100.0	-	-	7,199	100.0	-	-	7,199	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	6,097	398	6.5	398	6.5	5,699	93.5	6,097	100.0	-	-	6,097	100.0
Female, 3 to 34 years.....													
3 and 4 years.....	2,502	775	31.0	775	31.0	-	-	2,502	68.7	-	-	2,502	68.7
5 and 6 years.....	2,839	2,721	95.8	2,721	95.8	-	-	2,839	100.0	-	-	2,839	100.0
7 to 9 years.....	4,185	4,164	99.5	4,164	99.5	-	-	4,185	100.0	-	-	4,185	100.0
10 to 13 years.....	6,307	6,264	99.3	6,264	99.3	-	-	6,307	100.0	-	-	6,307	100.0
14 and 15 years.....	3,468	3,395	97.6	3,395	97.6	73	2.1	3,468	100.0	-	-	3,468	100.0
16 and 17 years.....	3,460	3,033	87.7	3,033	87.7	427	12.3	3,460	100.0	-	-	3,460	100.0
18 and 19 years.....	3,558	3,558	100.0	3,558	100.0	-	-	3,558	100.0	-	-	3,558	100.0
20 and 21 years.....	3,413	3,413	100.0	3,413	100.0	-	-	3,413	100.0	-	-	3,413	100.0
22 to 24 years.....	4,849	4,849	100.0	4,849	100.0	-	-	4,849	100.0	-	-	4,849	100.0
25 to 29 years.....	7,657	7,657	100.0	7,657	100.0	-	-	7,657	100.0	-	-	7,657	100.0
30 to 34 years.....	6,320	306	4.8	306	4.8	5,994	94.8	6,320	100.0	-	-	6,320	100.0

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1976—Continued

Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text.

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school						
	Total	Below college level ¹		In college		Total	High school graduate		Not high school graduate				
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
BLACK													
Total, 3 to 34 years.....	14,706	8,518	57.9	7,456	50.7	1,062	7.2	6,189	42.1	3,596	24.4	2,596	17.6
3 and 4 years.....	987	331	34.5	331	34.5	-	-	656	66.5	-	-	656	66.5
5 and 6 years.....	1,043	480	46.0	480	46.0	-	-	63	6.0	-	-	63	6.0
7 to 9 years.....	1,493	1,486	99.5	1,484	99.5	-	-	10	0.7	-	-	10	0.7
10 to 13 years.....	2,242	2,215	98.8	2,215	98.8	-	-	27	1.2	-	-	27	1.2
14 and 15 years.....	1,178	1,165	99.0	1,164	98.8	1	0.1	12	1.0	-	-	12	1.0
16 and 17 years.....	1,152	1,025	89.0	992	86.1	33	2.9	127	11.0	18	1.6	109	9.5
18 and 19 years.....	1,055	532	50.5	230	21.8	302	28.6	523	49.6	312	29.6	211	20.0
20 and 21 years.....	1,012	286	28.2	34	3.3	252	24.9	726	71.8	458	45.3	268	26.5
22 to 24 years.....	1,248	204	16.4	10	0.8	196	15.5	1,044	83.6	720	57.7	324	25.9
25 to 29 years.....	1,864	173	9.4	3	0.1	171	9.3	1,670	90.6	1,203	65.2	467	25.3
30 to 34 years.....	1,471	119	8.1	11	0.7	109	7.4	1,352	91.9	883	60.0	469	31.9
Male, 3 to 34 years.....	7,019	4,240	61.1	3,801	54.1	489	7.0	2,729	38.9	1,493	21.3	1,237	17.6
3 and 4 years.....	488	177	36.3	177	36.3	-	-	311	63.7	-	-	311	63.7
5 and 6 years.....	324	146	45.1	146	45.1	-	-	30	9.3	-	-	30	9.3
7 to 9 years.....	789	786	99.5	786	99.5	-	-	3	0.3	-	-	3	0.3
10 to 13 years.....	1,426	1,413	98.8	1,413	98.8	-	-	13	1.2	-	-	13	1.2
14 and 15 years.....	595	592	99.3	592	99.5	-	-	3	0.5	-	-	3	0.5
16 and 17 years.....	608	517	85.0	506	83.0	11	1.9	52	8.5	5	1.0	46	7.5
18 and 19 years.....	499	274	54.9	133	26.7	121	24.2	225	45.1	129	25.8	96	19.3
20 and 21 years.....	458	128	28.0	15	3.2	113	24.8	330	72.0	180	39.4	149	32.6
22 to 24 years.....	546	102	18.7	6	1.0	97	17.7	444	81.3	296	54.2	148	27.0
25 to 29 years.....	819	90	11.0	4	0.5	90	11.0	728	89.0	510	62.4	218	26.6
30 to 34 years.....	648	57	8.8	-	-	57	8.8	591	91.2	372	57.3	219	33.8
Female, 3 to 34 years.....	7,687	4,278	55.0	3,655	47.5	573	7.5	3,459	45.0	2,102	27.3	1,358	17.7
3 and 4 years.....	499	156	31.3	156	31.3	-	-	323	67.4	-	-	323	67.4
5 and 6 years.....	515	486	93.6	486	93.6	-	-	33	6.4	-	-	33	6.4
7 to 9 years.....	745	739	99.1	739	99.1	-	-	7	0.9	-	-	7	0.9
10 to 13 years.....	1,116	1,103	98.8	1,103	98.8	-	-	13	1.2	-	-	13	1.2
14 and 15 years.....	583	574	98.4	572	98.2	1	0.2	9	1.6	-	-	9	1.6
16 and 17 years.....	584	508	87.0	486	83.2	22	3.8	76	13.0	13	2.2	63	10.8
18 and 19 years.....	536	298	55.6	76	13.8	181	32.6	298	53.6	183	32.9	115	20.7
20 and 21 years.....	534	157	29.4	19	3.4	139	25.0	397	71.6	278	50.2	119	21.4
22 to 24 years.....	703	102	14.5	5	0.7	97	13.9	600	85.5	424	60.4	176	25.1
25 to 29 years.....	1,025	83	8.1	3	0.3	81	7.9	942	91.9	692	67.5	249	24.3
30 to 34 years.....	823	62	7.6	11	1.3	52	6.3	761	92.4	511	62.1	249	30.3
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Total, 3 to 34 years.....	6,998	3,673	51.8	3,196	45.7	427	6.1	3,375	48.2	1,616	20.2	1,959	28.0
3 and 4 years.....	452	100	22.2	100	22.2	-	-	351	77.8	-	-	351	77.8
5 and 6 years.....	514	489	95.0	489	95.0	-	-	26	5.0	-	-	26	5.0
7 to 9 years.....	681	664	97.5	664	97.5	-	-	17	2.5	-	-	17	2.5
10 to 13 years.....	937	929	99.1	929	99.1	-	-	8	0.9	-	-	8	0.9
14 and 15 years.....	504	480	95.4	480	95.4	-	-	23	4.6	-	-	23	4.6
16 and 17 years.....	509	414	81.3	402	78.9	13	2.5	95	18.7	16	3.1	79	15.6
18 and 19 years.....	534	241	45.2	98	18.4	143	26.8	292	54.8	129	24.1	164	30.7
20 and 21 years.....	431	104	24.0	20	4.7	83	19.3	327	76.0	147	34.1	180	41.8
22 to 24 years.....	586	87	14.8	3	0.6	83	14.2	499	85.2	277	47.2	222	38.0
25 to 29 years.....	1,032	81	7.9	8	0.8	73	7.1	951	92.1	463	44.9	488	47.3
30 to 34 years.....	818	33	4.0	2	0.2	31	3.8	785	96.0	385	47.1	400	48.9
Male, 3 to 34 years.....	3,350	1,842	55.0	1,619	48.3	223	6.7	1,508	45.0	616	18.4	893	26.6
3 and 4 years.....	239	53	22.1	53	22.1	-	-	186	77.9	-	-	186	77.9
5 and 6 years.....	255	270	94.6	270	94.6	-	-	15	5.4	-	-	15	5.4
7 to 9 years.....	336	327	97.4	327	97.4	-	-	9	2.6	-	-	9	2.6
10 to 13 years.....	456	449	98.5	449	98.5	-	-	7	1.5	-	-	7	1.5
14 and 15 years.....	247	240	97.3	240	97.3	-	-	7	2.7	-	-	7	2.7
16 and 17 years.....	244	208	85.5	205	84.2	3	1.3	35	14.5	3	1.2	32	13.3
18 and 19 years.....	258	119	46.3	50	19.6	69	26.7	138	53.7	56	21.7	82	32.0
20 and 21 years.....	200	54	27.1	15	7.7	39	19.4	146	72.9	73	36.3	73	36.4
22 to 24 years.....	243	45	18.6	3	1.4	42	17.3	198	81.4	99	40.9	98	40.5
25 to 29 years.....	484	55	11.4	5	1.0	50	10.4	428	88.6	216	44.6	213	44.0
30 to 34 years.....	359	20	5.6	-	-	20	5.6	339	94.4	169	47.0	170	47.3
Female, 3 to 34 years.....	3,648	1,831	48.8	1,577	43.2	204	5.6	1,867	51.2	800	21.9	1,066	29.2
3 and 4 years.....	212	47	22.3	47	22.3	-	-	165	77.7	-	-	165	77.7
5 and 6 years.....	229	219	95.3	219	95.3	-	-	10	4.5	-	-	10	4.5
7 to 9 years.....	345	337	97.6	337	97.6	-	-	8	2.4	-	-	8	2.4
10 to 13 years.....	481	480	99.7	480	99.7	-	-	2	0.3	-	-	2	0.3
14 and 15 years.....	257	240	93.6	240	93.6	-	-	16	6.4	-	-	16	6.4
16 and 17 years.....	265	206	77.6	196	74.0	9	3.6	60	22.4	13	4.7	47	17.7
18 and 19 years.....	276	122	44.2	48	17.3	74	26.9	154	55.8	72	26.3	81	29.5
20 and 21 years.....	231	49	21.4	5	2.1	45	19.3	182	78.6	74	32.1	108	46.5
22 to 24 years.....	343	41	12.1	-	-	41	12.1	301	87.9	177	51.8	124	36.4
25 to 29 years.....	549	26	4.8	3	0.6	23	4.2	522	95.2	247	46.1	275	50.2
30 to 34 years.....	459	13	2.7	2	0.4	11	2.4	446	97.3	216	47.1	230	50.1

¹Includes nursery school, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12.

²Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

APPENDIX

Source of data. The estimates of school enrollment in 1976 are based on data obtained in October of 1976 in the Current Population Survey (CPS) of the Bureau of the Census. The CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files and is updated continuously to reflect new construction where possible. The current sample is spread over 461 areas with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In the sample, approximately 47,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,000 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 47,000, there are also about 8,000 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed. For a description of CPS sample designs prior to August 1972, see the detailed report for 1975 in this series.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian non-institutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from the 1970 Census of Population; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the estimates. Since the CPS estimates in this report are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same schedules, instructions and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey - sampling and nonsampling. For estimates in this report indications of the magnitude of sampling error are provided but the extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

Sampling variability. The standard errors presented in table A-1 are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of

the population was surveyed. As calculated, the standard error also partially measures the effect of certain response and enumeration errors, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that this difference would be less than 1.6 times the standard error and about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

All statements of comparison in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better and most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference.

Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by the use of the phrase, "some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors.

Note when using small estimates. Percent distributions are shown in this report only when the base of the percentage is greater than 75,000. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that percentages would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers of persons are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard errors for data based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard errors are provided in table A-1 for estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

More detailed standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers of persons or families and estimated percentages are provided in the detailed report for 1975 in this series.

A more complete source and reliability statement for the 1976 data will be published with the forthcoming 1976 detailed report.

Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages. Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2) below, respectively. The formulas are:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (1)$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the

parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p \cdot (100-p)} \quad (2)$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 \leq p \leq 100$), and b is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A-2 provides the values of the a and b parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages.

Table A-1. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages of Persons 3 to 34 Years Old Enrolled in School for the Total, White, and Black Populations: October 1976

(68 chances out of 100. Numbers in thousands)

Enrollment	Estimated numbers of persons			Standard errors of estimated numbers of persons		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
Total enrolled.....	60,482	50,761	8,518	256	252	101
Nursery.....	1,526	1,246	226	49	44	20
Private.....	1,050	929	80	41	39	12
Kindergarten.....	3,490	2,881	542	67	63	30
Private.....	528	457	60	30	28	10
Elementary.....	29,774	24,776	4,430	217	203	94
Private.....	3,075	2,829	175	79	76	22
High school.....	15,742	13,214	2,258	170	156	73
Private.....	1,201	1,121	71	50	48	14
College.....	9,950	8,644	1,062	138	129	52
Private.....	2,211	1,987	175	67	64	22
Full time.....	7,176	6,170	817	118	110	46

Age	Estimated percentages			Standard errors of estimated percentages		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
3 and 4 years.....	31.3	30.4	34.5	0.8	0.8	2.0
5 and 6 years.....	95.5	95.4	94.0	0.4	0.4	1.2
7 to 9 years.....	99.2	99.1	99.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
10 to 13 years.....	99.2	99.2	98.8	0.1	0.1	0.1
14 and 15 years.....	98.2	98.1	99.0	0.2	0.2	0.5
16 and 17 years.....	89.1	89.1	89.0	0.5	0.5	1.5
18 and 19 years.....	46.2	45.5	50.4	0.8	0.9	2.1
20 and 21 years.....	32.0	32.5	28.2	0.8	0.8	2.4
22 to 24 years.....	17.1	17.0	16.4	0.5	0.6	1.8
25 to 29 years.....	10.0	10.0	9.4	0.3	0.4	1.1
30 to 34 years.....	6.0	5.7	8.1	0.3	0.3	1.2

Table A-2. Parameters to be Used for Each School Enrollment Characteristic for Direct Computation of Standard Errors

Characteristics	Parameters ¹	
	a	b
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Total or White.....	-0.000016	2064.3452
Black or other.....	-0.000186	2791.7805
Kindergarten and nursery school enrollment.....	-0.000126	1738.0412

¹Multiply these parameters by 1.44 to estimate standard errors for years prior to 1967.